

MINUTES

Town of North
July 13, 2015
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Council members Jones, Carson, Lane and Washington. Also in attendance were Chief Mark Fallaw and Town Clerk Carrie Garrett.

Mayor Jeffcoat led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jeffcoat declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2015 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Council member Lane, and upon vote minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

- none

Water/Sewer Report:

Rick Bryan presented the Water/Sewer report for June, 2015 (copy attached). Discussion was had regarding the town's Kubota backhoe which needs \$5,000 worth of repairs which may be more than the value of the backhoe itself. Bryan presented repair versus replacement quotes. Motion was made by Council member Jones to repair the backhoe. Motion was seconded by Council member Lane and upon vote carried unanimously. Discussion was had regarding the backhoe being stored in Swansea. Bryan explained that all three systems share equipment of all three systems, and that Swansea is a central location for dispatching the backhoe to a repair site. Swansea has a large backhoe that is used for its repairs, however neither of the systems has a trailer, truck or CDL driver to transport Swansea's large backhoe to repair sites beyond where it can be driven. Council member Carson inquired as to the bulk water rate to be negotiated with Bull Swamp Rural Water Company, wherein Bryan hoped to get the rate dropped from \$3.00 per 1000 gallons to an amount closer to \$2.00 per 1000 gallons. Bryan did not have the Agreement with him, but indicated that the amount was negotiated and passed by Council earlier this year.

Police Report:

Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report for June, 2015 (copy attached). Council member Washington inquired about a specific case, to which Chief offered to discuss details in a private setting.

Old Business:

- Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement for June, 2015.

New Business:

- Community of Character Trait for June is Hospitality. Jeffcoat gave example of North's hospitality to the Alzheimer's Ride that comes through every year, wherein we open our facility to allow the bike riders a chance to eat their lunch indoors before heading back out to continue their ride. This year, the ride will be coming through July 18th.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Jeffcoat noted that we will use the backhoe to redistribute wood chips in the playground once it is repaired.

Council Announcements:

- Council member Carson announced that she has someone willing to donate a Nativity Scene for the Town's Christmas Decorations. Carson asked if any Council member had any objection to a Nativity Scene. All Council members were in agreement to have a donated Nativity Scene.
- Council member Jones announced that the Welcome to North sign at the south end of town on Hwy 321 has been installed. Council member Carson added that the Girl Scouts will be providing landscaping around the sign next Spring with the same plants are available.

Public Comments:

- Rev Wright asked Chief about a case mentioned in the Police Report.
- Mr. Jackson inquired about Swansea's backhoe. Bryan responded explaining that neither of the systems has a trailer or truck large enough to transport the large backhoe, nor a CDL driver that would be needed to transport a piece of machinery that large.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Council member Jones to remove the Executive Session from the Agenda. The motion was not seconded and failed. Council member Jones made a motion adjourn to Executive Session for a Personnel Issue. Motion was seconded, passed and meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 6:41 p.m.

Meeting was re-convened at 6:49 p.m. Mayor Jeffcoat reported that there was no action to be taken.

There being no further business, Council member Carson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Garrett

APPROVED: JULY 13, 2015 MINUTES

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: _____

Council Members:

Harriett Lane: _____

Julius Jones: _____

Jeff Washington: _____

Patty Carson: _____